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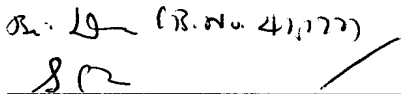
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<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>		Docket Number 10191/4156	
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Invention Title CONNECTING ELEMENT, METHOD FOR BUS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A CONTROL UNIT FOR ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEANS AS MASTER AND AT LEAST ONE CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR WEIGHT MEASUREMENT IN A SEAT AS SLAVE, AND BUS SYSTEM		Inventor(s)  Sascha KOPPLIN	

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicant hereby bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO form 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
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